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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN MEDIA ACCUSE U.S. OF INVOLVEMENT IN ZAIRE

1. ALGERIAN MEDIA, ALTHOUGH UNABLE TO SHED ANY REAL LIGHT ON
EVENTS IN ZAIRE, ARE OPENLY ACCUSING U.S. OF MASTERMINDING THEM.

2. FLN WEEKLY ORGAN "REVOLUTION AFRICAINE" FOR APRIL 6-12
ACCUSES "WASHINGTON" OF SEEKING TO REPLACE MOBUTU WITH MORE
"MALLEABLE" LEADER. IN COMMENT ENTITLED "TROUBLES IN ZAIRE:
IMPERIALIST WAR DRUMS", MAGAZINE ASKS: "WHAT IS BEHIND THIS
DOUBLE GAME OF FURNISHING MASSIVE MATERIAL AID TO REGIME YOU
CONSIDER FINISHED? ONE IS TEMPTED TO THINK THAT WASHINGTON,
UNHAPPY OVER 'SOFTNESS' OF MOBUTU'S REACTION OVER ANGOLA, MAY
WISH AND CUNNINGLY ENCOURAGE HIS REPLACEMENT BY ANOTHER ALLY
MORE MALLEABLE IN 'FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNIS.' IN REGION....
THERE SURELY MUST BE ANOTHER TSHOMBE AROUND SOMEWHERE TO
SUCCEED MOBUTU FOR A WHILE TO ALLOW AMERICANS TO GO ON
MANAGING EVENTS IN COUNTRY.... DEFEAT IN ANGOLA HAS NOT
YET BEEN DIGESTED, AND IMPERIALISM IS PREPARING ITS REVENGE
IN NAMIBIA. MEANWHILE, IT IS TRYING TO MOVE ITS PAWNS
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AROUND.... IT IS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE ANTI-MOBUTU
GENDARMES COULD WIN CONFIDENCE OF ANGOLAN PATRIOTS.
BESIDES, EVEN IF ANGOLANS HAD AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS, THEY
WOULD NOT CHOOSE TO EXECUTE THEM JUST AS THEIR BEST CUBAN
ALLY WAS VISITING.... IN JULY 1975, PRESIDENT MOBUTU
ACCUSED U.S. OF HAVING FOMENTED PLOT AGAINST HIM.... MIGHT
THIS NOT BE A RECURRENCE?"

3. IN DIFFERENT INTERPRETATION OF EVENTS, GOVERNMENT-OWNED
ALGIERS DAILY "ASH-SHA'B" CHARGES THAT "WORLD IMPERIALISM"
(READ U.S.) IS USING "CLIENT STATES" LIKE MOROCCO TO
IMPLEMENT POLICY OF "FOSTERING INSTABILITY TO STRENGTHEN
PSOTION OF RACIST REGIMES". IN FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL
ENTITLED "GENDARMES FOR IMPERIALISM", APRIL 9 ISSUE OF
PAPER ALLEGES: "WORLD IMPERIALISM HAS LEARNED IMPORTANT
LESSONS FROM ITS BITTER DEFEAT IN INDOCHINA.... OPEN,
DIRECT INTERVENTION SHOULD BE REPLACED BY DISTRIBUTION
OF CERTAIN ROLES TO HIRELINGS.... BEST EXAMPLE OF THIS
METHOD IS FEUDAL REGIME IN MOROCCO, WHICH ... INVADDED
WESTERN SAHARA ... AND ATTACKED BENIN. MILITARY
INTERVENTION OF MOROCCO'S ROYALIST REGIME IN ZAIRE SHEDS
MORE LIGHT ON ITS TRUE ROLE, AS PREPARED BY IMPERIALISM,
IN AFRICA.... AIM OF IMPERIALISM IS TO 'AFRICANIZE'
PROBLEM ... BY MEANS OF ITS HIRELINGS TO CREATE SITUATIONS
OF INSTABILITY IN REGION, WEAKEN OAU, AND ENABLE RACIST
REGIMES TO STRENGTHEN THEIR FOOTHOLD. AS FOR HIRELING
FEUDAL REGIME, IT HAS ITS OWN REASONS FOR THIS INTERVENTION.
ON ONE HAND, IT IS TRYING TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM ITS
DETERIORATING MILITARY SITUATION.... ON OTHER HAND, ITS
INTERVENTION WILL ALLOW IT TO RID ITSELF OF THOSE SUSPECT
ELEMENTS WITH DOUBTFUL LOYALTY TO THRONE THAT REMAIN IN
ARMY. IN ANY CASE, THIS INTERVENTION FORMS PART OF FIRM
POLICY OF WORLD IMPERIALISM TOWARDS ARAB NATION AND AFRICA."
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